

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In one embodiment, a technique for controlling traffic in a computer network includes modifying a packet generated by a first computer. The packet may be intended for a second computer, but is modified to be redirected to a third computer.

- 5 The packet may be processed in the third computer prior to being forwarded from the third computer to the second computer. The packet may be scanned for viruses at the third computer, for example. Among other advantages, the technique allows for scanning of early generated packets, redirection of selected packets, and routing of packets from a computer in general.